

## TITLE 75

### **ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

BE IT ORDAINED by the legal voters of the Town of Goshen in meeting assembled:

1. The Town of Goshen hereby accepts the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §7-136 and establishes an Economic Development Commission for the promotion and development of the economic resources of the Town.

The Economic Development Commission shall consist of five (5) members and two (2) alternate members who shall be elected at the Annual Town Meeting. The initial regular members and alternate members of the Economic Development Commission shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen within 30 days after the town meeting at which this ordinance is adopted as follows:

One (1) regular member for a term expiring at the 2020 Annual Town Meeting;  
Two (2) regular members for a term expiring at the 2021 Annual Town Meeting;  
Two (2) regular members for a term expiring at the 2022 Annual Town Meeting;  
One (1) alternate member for a term expiring at the 2020 Annual Town Meeting;

and

One (1) alternate member for a term expiring at the 2021 Annual Town Meeting.

Commencing at the 2020 Annual Meeting, regular and alternate members shall be elected to three (3) year terms expiring at the applicable Annual Town Meeting.

All members and alternate members of the Economic Development Commission shall be electors of the Town of Goshen. All members and alternate members shall be sworn and serve until their successors have been elected or they may be reelected.

Any vacancy in a regular membership or alternate membership of the Economic Development Commission shall be filled by the Board of Selectmen for the unexpired portion of the term.

Alternate members of the Economic Development Commission, when seated, shall have all the powers and duties of a regular member of said Commission. Regular and alternate members of the Economic Development Commission shall receive no compensation for their services as such, but shall be reimbursed for their necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.

Upon obtaining the approval of the Board of Selectmen, the Economic Development Commission may appoint employees, agents and consultants necessary for the discharge of its duties within the limits of the appropriations made therefore.

2. The Economic Development Commission shall elect from its members a chairman and such other officers as it shall deem necessary. The Economic Development Commission shall conduct research into the economic conditions and trends in the Town of Goshen, and

make recommendations to the appropriate officials and agencies of the Town of Goshen regarding action to improve its economic condition and development, shall seek to coordinate the activities of and cooperate with unofficial bodies organized to promote such economic development and may advertise and may prepare, print and distribute books, maps, charts, and pamphlets which in its judgement will further its official purposes.

3. The Economic Development Commission shall annually prepare and transmit to the annual town meeting of the Town of Goshen a report of its activities and of its recommendations for improving such economic conditions and development.
4. The Town of Goshen may annually appropriate for the purposes of the Economic Development Commission a sum not exceeding one-twentieth of one percent of the last-completed grand list of taxable property.
5. This ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper having circulation in the Town of Goshen.

Adopted: August 5, 2019

Published: August 9, 2019

Effective: August 24, 2019